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S. 1670

To improve hazard mitigation and relocation assistance in connection with flooding, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DANFORTH, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SIMON, and Mr. BOND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

NOVEMBER 20 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Committee discharged

A BILL

To improve hazard mitigation and relocation assistance in connection with flooding, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hazard Mitigation and
5 Relocation Assistance Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. HAZARD MITIGATION.**

7 (a) FEDERAL SHARE AND TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—
8 Section 404 of The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and

1 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “50 per-
4 cent” and inserting “75 percent”; and

5 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “10 per-
6 cent” and all that follows through the end of the
7 sentence and inserting “15 percent of the estimated
8 aggregate amount of grants to be made (less any as-
9 sociated administrative costs) under this Act with
10 respect to the major disaster.”.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
12 section shall apply to any major disaster declared by the
13 President pursuant to The Robert T. Stafford Disaster
14 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et
15 seq.) on or after June 10, 1993.

16 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION ASSIST-**
17 **ANCE.**

18 Section 404 of The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
19 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c) is
20 amended—

21 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
22 “The President”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(b) PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION AS-
2 SISTANCE.—

3 “(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In providing haz-
4 ard mitigation assistance under this section in con-
5 nection with flooding, the Director of the Federal
6 Emergency Management Agency may provide prop-
7 erty acquisition and relocation assistance for
8 projects that meet the requirements of paragraph
9 (2).

10 “(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—An acquisition
11 or relocation project shall be eligible to receive as-
12 sistance pursuant to paragraph (1) only if—

13 “(A) the applicant for the assistance is
14 otherwise eligible to receive assistance under the
15 hazard mitigation grant program established
16 under subsection (a); and

17 “(B) on or after the date of enactment of
18 this subsection, the applicant for the assistance
19 enters into an agreement with the Director that
20 provides assurances that—

21 “(i) any property acquired, accepted,
22 or from which a structure will be removed
23 pursuant to the project will be dedicated
24 and maintained in perpetuity for a use
25 that is compatible with open space, rec-

1 reational, or wetlands management prac-
2 tices;

3 “(ii) no new structure will be erected
4 on property acquired, accepted or from
5 which a structure was removed under the
6 acquisition or relocation program other
7 than—

8 “(I) a public facility that is open
9 on all sides and functionally related to
10 a designated open space;

11 “(II) a rest room; or

12 “(III) a structure that the Direc-
13 tor approves in writing before the
14 commencement of the construction of
15 the structure; and

16 “(iii) after receipt of the assistance,
17 with respect to any property acquired, ac-
18 cepted or from which a structure was re-
19 moved under the acquisition or relocation
20 program—

21 “(I) no subsequent application
22 for additional disaster assistance for
23 any purpose will be made by the recip-
24 ient to any Federal entity; and

1 “(II) no assistance referred to in
2 subclause (I) will be provided to the
3 applicant by any Federal source.

4 “(3) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
5 this subsection is intended to alter or otherwise af-
6 fect an agreement for an acquisition or relocation
7 project carried out pursuant to this section that was
8 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of
9 this subsection.”.

10 **SEC. 4. TREATMENT OF REAL PROPERTY BUYOUT PRO-**
11 **GRAMS.**

12 (a) INAPPLICABILITY OF URA.—The purchase of any
13 real property under a qualified buyout program shall not
14 constitute the making of Federal financial assistance
15 available to pay all or part of the cost of a program or
16 project resulting in the acquisition of real property or in
17 any owner of real property being a displaced person (with-
18 in the meaning of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and
19 Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970).

20 (b) DEFINITION OF “QUALIFIED BUYOUT PRO-
21 GRAM”.—For purposes of this section, the term “qualified
22 buyout program” means any program that—

23 (1) provides for the purchase of only property
24 damaged by the major, widespread flooding in the
25 Midwest during 1993;

1 (2) provides for such purchase solely as a result
2 of such flooding;

3 (3) provides for such acquisition without the
4 use of the power of eminent domain and notification
5 to the seller that acquisition is without the use of
6 such power;

7 (4) is carried out by or through a State or a
8 unit of general local government; and

9 (5) is being assisted with amounts made avail-
10 able for—

11 (A) disaster relief by the Federal Emer-
12 gency Management Agency; or

13 (B) other Federal financial assistance pro-
14 grams.

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